

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 2673, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

The House passed S. 709, to award a congressional gold medal to Prime Minister Tony Blair—clearing the measure for the President.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9311–S9356

Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1397–1402, and S. J. Res. 16. **Page S9328**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2004”. (S. Rept. No. 108–101) **Page S9328**

Measures Passed:

Protect Act Amendment: Senate passed S. 1280, to amend the PROTECT Act to clarify certain volunteer liability, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Page S9355**

National Great Black Americans Commemoration Act: Senate passed S. 1233, to authorize assistance for the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum and Justice Learning Center. **Pages S9355–56**

Defense Appropriations: Senate began consideration of H.R. 2658, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S9312–16**

Adopted:

Stevens Amendment No. 1217, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S9314–15**

Stevens (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 1224, to make available from amounts available for Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Air Force, \$4,000,000 for cost effective composite materials for manned and unmanned flight structures. **Pages S9315–16**

Stevens (for Dodd) Amendment No. 1225, to increase the amount of Army RDT&E funds available

for the Broad Area Unmanned Responsive Resupply Operations (BURRO) aircraft program (PE0603003A). **Pages S9315–16**

Stevens (for Snowe/Collins) Amendment No. 1226, to set aside Navy operation and maintenance funds for the Navy Pilot Human Resources Call Center, Cutler, Maine. **Pages S9315–16**

Stevens (for Breaux) Amendment No. 1227, to make available from amounts available for Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Navy, \$4,000,000 for Navy Integrated Manufacturing Development. **Pages S9315–16**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, July 15, 2003. **Page S9356**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 89 yeas (Vote No. EX. 275), Samuel Der-Yeghiayan, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. **Pages S9318, S9356**

Robert C. Brack, of New Mexico, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico. **Pages S9318–19, S9356**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Margaret Catharine Rodgers, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida.

Paul Michael Warner, of Utah, to be United States Attorney for the District of Utah for the term of four years. (Reappointment)

Craig S. Iscoe, of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years. **Page S9356**

Nomination Recommitted: Senate recommitted the following nomination to the Committee on the Judiciary:

Christopher A. Wray, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.

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Additional Cosponsors: Pages S9328–30

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: Pages S9330–38

Additional Statements: Pages S9326–28

Amendments Submitted: Pages S9338–54

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Authority for Committees to Meet: Page S9354

Privilege of the Floor: Page S9354

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—275) Page S9318

Adjournment: Senate met at 2 p.m., and adjourned at 6:27 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, July 15,

2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9356.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CHILE & SINGAPORE FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine proposed legislation to implement the proposed free trade agreements with Chile and Singapore, after receiving testimony from Regina K. Vargo, Assistant United States Trade Representative for the Americas, and Lead Negotiator for the Chile Free Trade Agreement; and Ralph F. Ives III, Assistant United States Trade Representative for Southeast Asia, the Pacific and APEC, and Leader Negotiator for the Singapore Free Trade Agreement.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 2714–2724, and 1 private bill, H. Con. Res. 242, were introduced. Page H6706

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H6706–07

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Filed on July 11, H.R. 1950, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for the fiscal years 2004 and 2005, to authorize appropriations under the Arms Export Control Act and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 for security assistance for fiscal years 2004 and 2005, amended (H. Rept. 108–105, Pt. 4);

Filed on July 11, H.R. 2330, to sanction the ruling Burmese military junta, to strengthen Burma's democratic forces and support and recognize the National League of Democracy as the legitimate representative of the Burmese people, amended (H. Rept. 108–159, Pt. 2);

H.R. 1375, to provide regulatory relief and improve productivity for insured depository institutions, and for other purposes, amended (H. Rept. 108–152 Pt. 2);

H.R. 2086, to reauthorize the Office of National Drug Control Policy, amended (H. Rept. 108–167 Pt. 2);

H.R. 116, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to construct, lease, or modify major medical facilities at the site of the former Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, Aurora, Colorado, amended (H. Rept. 108–200);

H.R. 1113, to authorize an exchange of land at Fort Frederica National Monument, amended (H. Rept. 108–201);

H.R. 901, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct a bridge on Federal land west of and adjacent to Folsom Dam in California, amended (H. Rept. 108–202);

H.R. 1209, to extend the authority for the construction of a memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr., in the District of Columbia (H. Rept. 108–203);

H.R. 1284, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to increase the Federal share of the costs of the San Gabriel Basin demonstration project (H. Rept. 108–204);

H.R. 2441, to establish the Millennium Challenge Account to provide increased support for developing countries that have fostered democracy and the rule of law, invested in their citizens, and promoted economic freedom; to assess the impact and effectiveness of United States economic assistance; to authorize the expansion of the Peace Corps, amended (H. Rept. 108–205); and